

servant and proud Greek American, Mr. Dean G. Popp. Dean most recently served our Nation as Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, and on April 16, 2010, he stepped down from his position to return to civilian life. This brings to a close a 7-year tour in the Department of Defense that started with his volunteering for a 179-day rotation in Iraq as part of the Coalition Provisional Authority, where I first had the pleasure of meeting him.

Since then, Dean has served our Nation under two Presidents, two Secretaries of Defense and three Deputy Secretaries of Defense in a variety of increasingly senior roles. His visionary approach to his most recent position brought sorely needed business acumen to the Army's bureaucratic acquisition process. By calling on his years of experience as a businessman and entrepreneur, he reinvigorated his staff, reshaped rigid business practices and advanced the Army's acquisition objectives. Through this work, Dean has made invaluable contributions to multiple aspects of Army operations in his years of service.

Among Dean's many contributions to the Army and the Nation was his leadership role in the Army's modernization program, in which he successfully defended resources and secured funding for many projects that have strengthened the capabilities of our Armed Forces as they carry out missions in Iraq, Afghanistan, and elsewhere around the world. Dean also oversaw the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund for three years, running what became the largest construction effort since the Marshall Plan. This project saw the completion of more than 3,400 reconstruction projects that have had a profound impact on the restoration of key elements of the Iraqi infrastructure as the country rebuilds and establishes a democratic system.

A committed leader in every position he has held, Dean effectively ran the U.S. Elimination of Chemical Weapons Program as well, which has become a model for achieving the safe destruction of stockpiled chemical weapons. By the end of his time at the program's helm, the program had successfully completed over 50 percent of our national goal to eliminate stockpiled chemical agents in accordance with the Chemical Weapons Convention, and it will continue to serve as an outstanding model for similar programs elsewhere in the world.

Foremost in Dean's mind has always been a commitment to the welfare of each soldier serving our Nation, a concern that he has upheld throughout his tenure as he helped various projects overcome a myriad of obstacles. He has constantly held himself to exacting performance standards and his visionary leadership and unselfish commitment to duty are truly admirable. The Nation will miss Dean's service but I'm confident his wife Lise, sons Stephen, Jason, and George, and his daughter Christina, will be happy to have him back after his extended loan to the American people. I hope my colleagues will join me in wishing him well in all his future endeavors and hope that those who follow in his footsteps will continue his legacy of selfless dedication to our great Nation. Good luck and god-speed.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 'RED KNIGHTS' OF TRAINING SQUADRON THREE

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 28, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure I rise to recognize the 50th anniversary the Red Knights of Training Squadron Three. Through times of war and through times of peace, the Red Knights have served our country with great distinction and valor. In their commitment and in their sacrifice, Training Squadron Three rightfully holds a place in the annals of Naval History as a squadron that took immense pride in preparing America's finest youth for the defense of our great nation and her ideals. For that reason, I am proud to recognize the Red Knights of Squadron Three for their exceptional training and excellent performance over the last 50 years.

With World War II raging in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters the demand for trained pilots was at its zenith, and the first squadron to bear the name Training Squadron Three was created. Throughout the costly struggle with the Axis Alliance that claimed many young pilots, Training Squadron Three continued to train pilots for day-to-day operations and for the units needed to carry out the final campaigns against the Japanese mainland. After the terms of surrender were signed by the Japanese, there was little need for multiple training squadrons to train an enormous invasion force and Training Squadron Three was decommissioned.

The current Red Knights of Training Squadron Three picked up the torch lit by their predecessors on May 1, 1960, and continued the legacy of "Training the Best for America's Defense." On that day, Training Squadron Three was commissioned with the task of utilizing the T-28 Trojan to prepare a younger generation of student naval aviators in radio instruments, formation flying and air-to-air gunnery. In 1968, at the height of the Vietnam War, Training Squadron Three was at its peak size; consisting of 174 instructors, 494 students, 649 enlisted and 162 T-28 aircraft. During 1968, Training Squadron Three had flown almost 110,000 instructional hours and trained 902 students. These impressive figures set the record for any training squadron in the history of Naval Air Training command.

In 1980, Training Squadron Three became the only primary fixed wing training squadron to be alternately commanded by a Navy and Marine Corps officer. The Red Knights were honored once again in 1994 when they became the Navy's first and only joint service primary flight training squadron. In 1997, the squadron was selected as the first Navy squadron to transition to and fly the T-6 Texan II.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize the Red Knights for going above and beyond the call of duty on their 50th anniversary. To this day, the Red Knights of Squadron Three continue to provide the highest quality training to student aviators from the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Air Force and several Allied nations. As they remain resolute and steadfast to do their part defending our nation,

we must do our part to remember their unwavering commitment with our hearts and minds.

HEROES COME IN ALL SHAPES AND SIZES: EIGHT-YEAR-OLD DILLON EARL IS A HERO

HON. JOHN T. SALAZAR

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 28, 2010

Mr. SALAZAR. Madam Speaker, heroes come in all shapes and sizes and I rise today to honor eight-year-old Dillon Earl of Fruita, Colorado for heroic acts that saved lives on Sunday, April 25.

While the two were on their way to church, Dillon's grandmother Lisa DeKruiger had a seizure behind the wheel of her truck. Luckily for both of them, Dillon's quick thinking and bravery under pressure saved both their lives and those of other drivers on the road.

When he noticed something was wrong with his grandmother, eight-year-old Dillon reached for the brake and guided the truck to the side of the interstate. With the assistance of another driver, he called 9-1-1 and got his grandmother the urgent medical attention she needed.

The impact of Dillon's actions has only begun to sink in for his grandmother who recently told him, "I guess Grandma owes you lots of candy for the rest of your life."

Throughout this incredible incident, Dillon has shown humility and a maturity beyond his years. His remarkable courage and concern for his loved ones are an inspiration to all of us. This brave young man from Mesa County Colorado has made his family, his community and his Congressman very proud.

I wish him and his family continued health and happiness.

HONORING CARLOS BRADLEY

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 28, 2010

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor one of Philadelphia's great athletes, Carlos Bradley, on his induction into the Pennsylvania State Sports Hall of Fame. Throughout his athletic career, Carlos has proven to be not only an extraordinary sportsman, but a man of great character as well.

Carlos was an All-American linebacker at Germantown High School in Philadelphia, and he also earned the distinction of being an All-American at Wake Forest University. Carlos then went on to become a successful NFL linebacker, playing for the San Diego Chargers and, later, the Philadelphia Eagles. Carlos now uses his athletic experience to help clients as a personal trainer, where he is one of the most sought after trainers in the country.

In addition to having a spectacular athletic career, Carlos has worked to help give back to our youth. As the Executive Vice President of the International Student Athlete Academy, Carlos works to help young athletes realize their true athletic and academic potentials. By